

SENATE BILL 237

By Fowler

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 10, relative to requiring the registry of election finance to post certain information on the internet.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-206, is amended by deleting the word "and" at the end of subdivision (8); by deleting the period at the end of subdivision (9) and substituting instead a semicolon and the word "and"; and by adding the following language as a new subdivision to be designated as follows:

(10) Make the contribution and expenditure information in all statements, all addenda to the statements, and all amended statements that are filed with the registry available online to the public by any means that are searchable, viewable, and accessible in a read-only format through the internet.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 10, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new section to be designated as indicated:

2-10-211. (a) Within five (5) business days after a statement, or addenda or amendment to such statement, filed by a candidate for state public office or political campaign committee in a state election is received by the registry, the registry shall make available online to the public through the internet the contribution and expenditure information in that statement. Provided, however, the registry shall not make such

information available online to the public through the internet for any candidate until the registry is able to make such information available for all candidates for a particular office. As soon as the registry has such information available, the registry shall simultaneously make available online to the public through the internet the information for all candidates for a particular office.

(b) The requirements of §2-10-111 shall not apply to information accessed by the public through the internet under the provisions of subsection (a).

SECTION 3. For purposes of beginning the implementation process, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect and apply to all state elections conducted during 2002, and thereafter.